GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4140
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2000
PRODUCTION OF COFFEE TEA CARDAMOM PEPPER
BIKRAM KESHARI DEO

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total production of coffee, tea, cardamom and pepper in the country has been increasing since last year;

(b) if so, the contribution in the production of these items from the traditional and non-traditional growing States;

(c) the foreign exchange earned from the trade of these products to the global market ; and

(d) the foreign exchange spent on import of the above items after the introduction of free market economy policies?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4140 FOR AUGUST, 2000 REGARDING PRODUCTION OF COFFEE/TEA/CARDAMOM/PEPPER

(a) While the production of coffee and black pepper has increased, that of tea and cardamom has declined since last year.

(b) Contribution of traditional/non-traditional growing states in the last year towards production of coffee, tea, cardamom and pepper is given below:

Coffee
Traditional States Karnataka (71.6%),Kerala (20.7%),Tamil Nadu (6.6%)
Non-Traditional States Andhra Pradesh, Orissa & North Eastern States (1.1%)
Tea
Traditional States Assam (51.4%), West Bengal (22.38%), Tamil Nadu (15.54%), Kerala (8.42%)
Non-Traditional States Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka,, North-Eastern States (2.26%)
Cardamom & Pepper No categorisation of States as non-traditional or otherwise has been done.

(c) The rupee equivalent of Foreign exchange earned from the export of these items during the last two years is as under:

(Rs in crores)

	1998-99	1999-2000
Coffee	1752	1896
Tea	2191	1796
Cardamom((Small)	25.21	27.60
Pepper	638.11	864.98

(d) The estimated rupee equivalent of foreign exchange spent on import of cardamom, pepper, tea, Coffee during the last two years is as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

Item	1998-99	1999-2000
Cardamom (Small)	8.38	4.34+
Cardamom(Large)	14.32	7.28+

Pepper	39.56	29.69+
Tea	64.71	59.00
Coffee	9.00	9.00

+ Apr-Sept, 99